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MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Brungardt at 10:30 a.m. on January 26, 2012, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Steve Morris- excused

Committee staff present:
Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Tamera Lawrence, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Connie Burns, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
Major General Lee Tafanelli, Adjutant General of Kansas
Donna Shelite, Director of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue
Dean Reynoldson, Kansas Department of Revenue

Others attending:
See attached list.

Introduction of Bills

Senator Owens requested a bill introduction concerning congressional districts; for redistricting. *Senator Owens moved that this request should be introduced as a committee bill. Senator Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

Presentations

Major General (KS) Lee Tafanelli, Kansas Adjutant General, provided the committee on Kansas National Guard. (Attachment 1) Major General Tafanelli thanked the Legislature and the people of Kansas for their continued support given to the members of the Kansas National guard, Kansas Division of Emergency Management and Kansas Homeland Security.

Over the last decade Kansas National Guard soldiers and airmen have been at war in one of the most hostile environments on the planet, many have been wounded and ten did not return home. As of today there are over a thousand Soldiers and Airmen deployed around the world in Africa, Afghanistan and Kuwait, and others are preparing for deployment in the coming weeks.

The President's new national defense strategy is based on Pentagon cuts of a half a trillion dollars over the next 10 years, if Congress fails to address required spending cuts outside of defense as part of the budget deficit agreement and sequestration occurs, defense cuts will automatically more than double to \$1.2 trillion. There is considerable disagreement on how best to transform the military to best address 21st Century threats like cyber-attack, transnational terrorism, nuclear proliferation, the use of biological agents, and the U.S. economy's ability to sustain expensive national security infrastructure and programs. The National Guard has proven itself as an operational force that is ready, relevant and accessible when called upon and at one-third the cost of its active component counterpart, it is the cost effective solution.

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The specific roles and missions of the National Guard will ultimately be a decision that is made by the Department of Defense; and whatever the final decision is will impact the Kansas National Guard, both on the Army and Air side.

The Major General provided the committee with the on-line web site for The Adjutant General's Department Annual Report for 2011. <http://www.kansastag.gov/NGUARD.asp?PageID=395>

Donna Shelite, Director of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue, provided an update on **SB 9** (2007) Compliance Report. (Attachment 2) In 2011, the Division completed an upgrade to the State's driver's license examination workstations. The new upgrade has improved the security of the State's ID management workflow processes. With the new improvements there as been an increased emphasis on: 1) staff training in fraudulent document recognition for all DL issuance staff, and 2) investigation of suspected fraudulent activity, and with the Division's efforts in 2011 has improved the security of State-issued driver's licenses and identification cards.

Dean Reynoldson, Chief Investigator, Office of Special Investigations, Department of Revenue, spoke on how DL fraud is investigated.

Final Action

SB 275-- Alcoholic beverages; repealing the laws pertaining to salesperson's permits

*Senator Reitz moved to pass **SB 275** out favorably. Senator Haley seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

SB 274 - Alcoholic beverages; authorizing extended temporary permits for special events

Staff provided a technical amendment on page 3 of the bill that would issue a permit for a period of time that will not exceed 30 consecutive days. (Attachment 3)

Senator Longbine moved the technical amendment on page 3. Senator Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Staff provided an amendment that would allow at the end of the event, with the written permission of the Director, the holder of the permit could sell back to the licensee from whom alcoholic liquor was purchased. (Attachment 4)

Senator Reitz moved to adopt the amendment. Senator Faust-Goudeau seconded the motion. The motion carried.

*Senator Reitz moved to pass **SB 274** out favorably as amended. Senator Longbine seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

The Chair called for staff to refresh the committee on bills that were previously heard that will be worked next week.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2012. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.